

# **Le Mars Public Library Space Needs Assessment**

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## Executive Summary

This Space Needs Assessment primary goal is to describe the minimum space required to provide for the community's library service requirements over the course of the next 25 years. The study begins with a description of the library's service program and comparative data. It follows with description of the community's municipal and service populations. The study concludes with recommendations for the gross size of the library facility.

The existing Le Mars Public Library building is 7,694 square feet or 0.83 square feet per capita. Twelve other Iowa public libraries serving communities of similar size averaged 1.91 square feet per capita in 2008, more than twice the space at the Le Mars Public Library (see page 4). Le Mars' library is inadequately sized to meet current space requirements for collection shelving, public seating, public computing, program space, and staff work space.

It should also be noted that since the calculation of the square footage for the twelve peer Iowa libraries was calculated one peer library, Grinnell, has opened a library that increased its size by two and one-half times and another, Carroll, is in the process of acquiring property to nearly triple its size. A third peer library, Storm Lake, is in the early stages of planning its future space requirements.

The library building is inadequately sized to meet current space requirements for collection shelving, public seating, public computing, program space, and staff work space. To meet the community's library service needs now through the year 2035 the library will need to grow. This study documents that library of a size between the existing building's 7,694 square feet and the 21,212 square feet is justified. The ultimate space requirement will reflect further discussion, planning, and a balancing of service priorities with resources.

Some of the most pressing public service and operational issues identified in this Space Needs Assessment include:

- Shelving and collection storage is at or near capacity levels in all collections.
- Public computing resources do not meet current or projected customer demand.
- Community demand for programs and meeting space is strong and growing.
- Collaborative study rooms are needed to provide customers the quiet space they seek.
- A larger space for the Children's Department is critical to allow continued success in that important program.
- Additional staff work stations are needed to allow staff to work at optimal efficiency.

This preliminary estimate of space needs is based on the library's service plan and operational requirements, community demographics, and normative data for libraries serving communities of similar size. The study broadly follows a process developed by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's, Public Library Space Needs / A Planning Outline / 2009.

The space needs assessment was developed through conversations and work sessions with the Board of Trustees, staff, and Director. The library provided statistical information, planning documents, and community information in assisting the consultant in research for the study. The planning was based on collaboration and consensus. An iterative process was followed in which initial draft findings were submitted for staff level review and revision. A revised draft was submitted for review and further revision by the Board of Trustees.

# Library Profile

## General Profile

The original Le Mars Public Library was built in 1903 with funds from industrialist-financier Andrew Carnegie. The building was dedicated in 1904 housing 3,885 books. The library remained in the Carnegie building until August 1976. Le Mars Public Library is now located in a remodeled Red Owl supermarket purchased by the city in July 1973. The library building is located at 46 1<sup>st</sup> Street Southwest and occupies 7,694 square feet.

The library is open for service daily for a total of 63 hours each week. The library provides service to the residents of Le Mars and by contract to nonresident borrowers from rural Plymouth County and residents with cards from other Iowa libraries. Sue Kroesche is the library director.

At the end of Fiscal Year 2009 the Library's collections included 32,248 books, 911 media items, and 129 periodical subscriptions. Loans of these materials totaled 75,838 items. At the end of FY 2009 the library reported 8 public access Internet microcomputers as well as wireless access for patron use. Digital services include on-line catalog access, Internet access, general application software such as word processing, and a number of on-line databases/resources. The library's circulation and cataloging systems utilize Atrium automation software.

Le Mars Public Library provides a number of services directed to special populations and interests. Children's services include story and learning programs with 4,910 participants in 78 programs during FY 2009. Teens are provided a special area for their materials and services including a large screen monitor for gaming. A large print collection is supported for those with limited vision.

The Library is an administrative agency of the City of Le Mars and is governed by a seven member Library Board of Trustees.

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## Mission Statement of Le Mars Public Library

It is the purpose of the Le Mars Public Library to provide informational, educational and recreational materials to the citizens of the community, regardless of age, gender or race. The library will strive to provide quality services, technology and programming, as we seek to build knowledge and enrich appreciation in those that we serve.

## Le Mars Public Library Service Trend Data FY 2000 thru FY2009

Years	Book Holdings	Audio Holdings	Video Holdings	Serial Subscriptions	Hours Open Each Week
2009	32,248	441	470	129	57
2008	34,967	675	629	151	63
2007	40,459	723	631	142	63
2006	40,630	573	580	147	63
2005	41,855	499	684	143	63
2004	35,838	560	760	na	63
2003	41,998	1,255	855	184	58
2002	41,963	838	913	183	58
2001	40,689	1,310	1,135	182	58
2000	39,840	1,284	1,089	184	58
% Change	(-19.1%)	(-65.6%)	(-56.8%)	(-29.9%)	(-1.7%)

Years	Total Circulation	Circulation to City Residents	Public Internet Computers	Visits or Gate Count	Annual Meeting Room Use
2009	75,838	58,611	8	83,903**	326
2008	69,441	54,721	7	99,793	na
2007	83,995	63,882	6	102,718	na
2006	77,864	57,420	5	101,206	394
2005	91,540	58,600	5	108,680	374
2004	84,388	60,600	5	105,372	387
2003	80,727	59,900	5	72,000	468
2002	90,457	62,026	5	87,000	456
2001	91,166	66,016	4	91,613	415
2000	88,446	63,888	4	na	624
% Change	(-14.3%)	(-8.3%)	+100%	(-8.4%)	(-47.8%)

Years	# of Children's Programs	Children's Program Attendance	Total # of Library Programs	Total Program Attendance
2009	78	4,910	98	5,140
2008	45	1,251	52	1,301
2007	12	2,206	20	2,237
2006	12	2,187	16	2,267
2005	10	1,860	13	1,990
2004	15	2,006	24	2,096
2003	0	2,007	0	0
2002	0	3,183	0	0
2001	0	500	0	0
2000	0	1,785	0	0
% Change	+420%	+175.1%	+308.3%	+145.2%

\* The library conducted a long needed purge of inactive patron registration data in FY 2009.

\*\* The photometric counter was repositioned in FY 2009 to allow for a more accurate count.

\*\*\* n a: data elements that are not available due to either inaccurate reporting by the State or a misreporting of the data element by the library.

\*\*\*\* Hours for the Children's Librarian were reduced in FY 2008 from 32 to 28 hours per week which affects programming and other children's activities.

## Peer Benchmark Library Data, FY 2008

The following information is provided as benchmarking data for other Iowa libraries serving communities of similar size. The data is for Fiscal Year 2008, the most recent year in which data is published by the State Library of Iowa for each the libraries.

<b>Libraries</b>	<b>Square Feet per Capita</b>	<b>Legal Service Population</b>	<b>Registered Borrowers</b>	<b>Operating Expenditures per Capita</b>	<b>Population per Staff FTE</b>
Carroll	1.03	10,098	10,654	\$33.02	1,756.17
Clear Lake	1.94	8,161	9,100	\$45.01	1,305.76
Decorah	2.28	8,172	16,487	\$72.17	613.05
Denison	1.93	7,339	6,407	\$36.00	1,274.13
Fairfield	2.19	9,602	10,531	\$43.24	1,200.25
Grinnell	1.11	9,105	9,984	\$42.16	1,011.67
Mt. Pleasant	2.29	8,751	4,550	\$40.51	1,268.26
Oskaloosa	2.29	10,938	14,740	\$48.23	1,219.40
Spencer	1.21	11,317	17,967	\$41.70	1,183.79
Storm Lake	1.19	10,076	11,042	\$20.54	1,609.58
Waverly	2.74	8,968	17,569	\$73.64	838.91
Webster City	2.73	8,176	4,478	\$52.95	909.45
Average	1.91	9,225	11,126	\$45.76	1,182.54
Le Mars	0.83	9,237	14,308	\$41.52	1,026.33

<b>Libraries</b>	<b>Total Holdings per Capita</b>	<b>Total Serial Subscription Holdings</b>	<b>Circulation per Capita</b>	<b>Turnover Rate</b>	<b># of Public Internet Computers</b>
Carroll	8.83	19.2	12.32	1.44	14
Clear Lake	6.25	20.1	17.32	2.85	8
Decorah	9.34	25.2	21.56	2.36	25
Denison	7.49	19.6	9.54	1.30	14
Fairfield	12.24	22.7	20.02	1.67	15
Grinnell	7.63	20.9	12.68	1.69	10
Mt. Pleasant	5.72	16.1	11.98	2.10	18
Oskaloosa	5.81	20.8	23.66	4.02	24
Spencer	5.10	14.3	6.36	1.19	15
Storm Lake	4.82	8.2	8.2	1.64	8
Waverly	8.88	16.9	18.42	2.10	18
Webster City	7.95	18.7	9.41	1.23	6
Average	7.51	18.6	14.29	1.97	14.6
Le Mars	4.02	16.3	7.52	1.82	7

**Peer Benchmark Library Data, FY 2008 (continued)**

<b>Libraries</b>	<b>Library Programs per Capita</b>	<b>Program Attendance per Capita</b>	<b>Visits per Capita</b>	<b>Hours Open Each Week</b>
Carroll	0.02	0.32	7.96	61
Clear Lake	0.02	0.65	8.48	54
Decorah	0.08	0.96	35.25	57
Denison	0.03	0.83	13.33	58
Fairfield	0.02	0.5	16.67	56
Grinnell	0.03	0.76	7.29	58
Mt. Pleasant	0.01	0.18	9.79	55
Oskaloosa	0.07	1.43	Not reported	52
Spencer	0.05	0.98	7.11	64
Storm Lake	0.02	0.24	5.34	54
Waverly	0.06	1.86	15.82	61
Webster City	0.03	0.43	6.19	55
Average	0.04	0.76	11.1	57.1
Le Mars	0.01	0.14	10.8	63

## Library Service Population

The municipal and service populations the Le Mars Public Library can expect to serve are important elements in developing an accurate space needs assessment. The service population includes both the projected municipal population and the projected number of other borrowers who also use the Le Mars Public Library.

### Municipal Population

There are two known population projection sources for Plymouth County but none for Le Mars. The Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association's study, titled 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan, June 25, 2009, identifies a 2035 population projection of 24,853 for Plymouth County. A second source is Woods and Poole Economics Service, a national market research firm, which annually publishes population data for every county. Woods and Poole projects a 2035 Plymouth County population of 26,005.

If those two Plymouth County projections are averaged it would suggest a 2035 population of 25,429, a growth rate of 2.33% for the period 2000 to 2035. Applying the 2.33% growth rate to the Le Mars 2000 Census population base of 9,237 results in a 2035 projected population of 9,452.

### Historic and Projected Le Mars Populations

Year	Le Mars	Plymouth County
<b>History</b>		
1970 Census Bureau	8,159	24,322
1980 Census Bureau	8,279	24,743
1990 Census Bureau	8,454	23,388
2000 Census Bureau	9,237	24,849
<b>Projections</b>		
2010 Woods and Poole Economics Service	not available	24,416
2020 Woods and Poole Economics Service	not available	24,988
2030 Woods and Poole Economics Service	not available	25,560
2035 Woods and Poole Economics Service	not available	26,005
2035 Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association	not available	24,853
2035 Consultant's Recommendation – 2.33%	9,452	25,429

### Total Service Population

The service population of the Le Mars Public Library is more inclusive than the municipal population. The Library also provides service to nonresident borrowers from rural Plymouth County and residents with cards from other Iowa libraries. The library receives partial reimbursement payments for serving these nonresident borrowers.

An estimate for the number of nonresident borrowers to be served in 2035 can be based on the percentage of total circulation to those borrowers. In FY 2009 nonresident borrowers accounted for 22.7% (17,227 items) of the library's total loans (58,611 items). Given the 2035 projected municipal population of 9,452, this level of nonresident loans would result in a total service population of 12,228, including 2,776 nonresident borrowers who will consider the Le Mars Public Library their library.



**Percentage of Circulation**

	<b>FY 2009 Circulation</b>	<b>% of Circulation</b>
Municipal Circulation	58,611	77.3 %
Nonresident Circulation	17,227	22.7 %
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>75,838</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Total Service Population**

<b>Service Population</b>	<b>FY 2000 Service Population</b>	<b>FY 2035 Service Population</b>	<b>% of Service Population</b>
Municipal population	9,237	9,452	77.3 %
Nonresident population	2,713	2,776	22.7 %
<b>Total Service Population</b>	<b>11,950</b>	<b>12,228</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## 2000 City of Le Mars Demographic Data

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census – American FactFinder

<b>General Characteristics</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
Total population	9,237		
Male	4,434	48.0	49.1%
Female	4,803	52.0	50.9%
<u>Median age</u> (years)	36.9	(X)	35.3
Under 5 years	677	7.3	6.8%
18 years and over	6,722	72.8	74.3%
65 years and over	1,529	16.6	12.4%
<u>One race</u>	9,162	99.2	97.6%
White	8,982	97.2	75.1%
Black or African American	42	0.5	12.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	15	0.2	0.9%
Asian	28	0.3	3.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	8	0.1	0.1%
Some other race	87	0.9	5.5%
Two or more races	75	0.8	2.4%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	225	2.4	12.5%
Household population	8,963	97.0	97.2%
Group quarters population	274	3.0	2.8%
Average <u>household</u> size	2.46	(X)	2.59
Average family size	3.05	(X)	3.14
Total housing units	3,818		
Occupied housing units	3,640	95.3	91.0%
Owner-occupied housing units	2,622	72.0	66.2%
Renter-occupied housing units	1,018	28.0	33.8%
Vacant housing units	178	4.7	9.0%
<b>Social Characteristics</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
Population 25 years and over	5,933		
High school graduate or higher	5,087	85.7	80.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	1,266	21.3	24.4%
<u>Civilian veterans</u> (civilian population 18 years and over)	847	12.7	12.7%
Disability status (population 5 years and over)	1,390	16.8	19.3%
Foreign born	150	1.6	11.1%
Male, Now married, except separated (population 15 years and over)	2,107	63.2	56.7%
Female, Now married, except separated (population 15 years and over)	2,132	56.0	52.1%
Speak a language other than English at home (population 5 years and over)	343	4.0	17.9%
<b>Economic Characteristics</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>U.S.</b>
In labor force (population 16 years and over)	4,651	66.6	63.9%
Mean travel time to work in minutes (workers 16 years and over)	16.2	(X)	25.5
Median household <u>income</u> in 1999 (dollars)	38,892	(X)	41,994
Median family income in 1999 (dollars)	47,409	(X)	50,046
Per capita income in 1999 (dollars)	19,598	(X)	21,587
Families below poverty level	112	4.5	9.2%
Individuals below poverty level	559	6.2	12.4%

(X) Not applicable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3)

# Library Space Requirements

The space needs process identifies a community's library space requirements for a 20 to 25 year planning horizon. This study of the Le Mars Public Library will project space requirements for the year 2035. The library's space requirements are developed using population projections, tested service standards, and nationally accepted space calculation formulas.

The methodology is based on a space needs assessment process developed and published by the Wisconsin Division for Library Services. Wisconsin updated and revised the process in 2009. This study makes slight modifications to the Wisconsin process to reflect the consultant's experience.

The Wisconsin methodology focuses on seven types of space utilization commonly found in public libraries:

- **Collection Shelving and Display**
- **General Customer Seating**
- **Program and Meeting Space**
- **Public Technology**
- **Staff Work Space**
- **Special Use Space**
- **Structure/Support Space**

## Projected Collection Size

### Actual Growth Method

One common method for predicting future collection size is historic net growth. This method applies the actual growth rate the library has experienced in the recent past to the projected planning period. Over the past 9 years the Le Mars Public Library's book and media collections have grown at annual average net rates of (- 847) book volumes, (-162) media items, and (- 6) periodical titles. This historic net growth data does not, however, offer a useful basis to project the necessary future collection space requirements.

This data reflects a purposeful and important effort by the staff and Library Board to remove outdated and little used titles from the library's collections. These collection management efforts are also a response to a lack of space for collection growth. A rigorous culling of the collection was overdue and is a regular duty for every public library. The library team is to be congratulated for good collection management.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Books</b>	<b>Media</b>	<b>Periodical Titles</b>
FY 2009	-2,719	-393	-22
FY 2008	-5,492	-50	9
FY 2007	-171	201	-5
FY 2006	-1,225	-30	4
FY 2005	6,017	-137	
FY 2004	-6,160	-790	-41
FY 2003	35	359	1
FY 2002	1,274	-694	1
FY 2001	849	2,445	-1
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>-844</b>	<b>-162</b>	<b>-6</b>

## Peer Library Method

Another method for predicting future collection size is to use the per capita holdings rate for peer libraries with the projected municipal population. At the end of FY 2009 the Le Mars Public Library had a combined total book and media collection holdings rate of 3.59 items per capita (33,159 items) and a periodical holdings rate of 13.96 titles per 1,000 residents (129 titles).

The library peer group identified earlier in this study held on average 7.51 book and media items per capita for the most recent reporting year, FY 2008. Those libraries also averaged 18.37 periodical subscriptions per 1,000 residents. The average municipal population for the future peer libraries was 9,225 in FY 2008. The following table illustrates the collection size that results from applying the peer group collection holding rates to Le Mars' projected population.

## Projected Holdings, 2035

2035 Projected Le Mars Municipal Population	Book and Media Holding Rate Per Capita, Peer Library Group	2035 Projected Le Mars Book and Media Holdings	Periodical Title Holdings Rate Per 1,000, Peer Library Group	2035 Projected Le Mars # of Periodical Subscriptions
9,452	7.51	70,984	18.37	174

## Projected Holdings Recommendation

This study will adopt the peer library rate projected collection of 70,984 book and media items for the year 2035. However, the peer rate projection of 174 periodical subscriptions is too large given recent trends in magazine publishing and budgetary considerations. This study will project 151 periodical subscriptions, the average of Le Mars current periodical holdings (129) and the peer group projection (174).

## Public Computing

Public libraries are the technology access point for many in the community. Even with the falling cost of technology, the public library will continue to be the one source for data applications for many residents. For those with their own equipment and access to technology, the public library will continue to be the provider of electronic services not easily or cost effectively accessed by individuals. At the end of FY 2009 the library reported 8 Internet computer stations. The peer library group identified earlier had an average of 14.6 public Internet computers in FY 2008.

A good method for estimating the number of public access computers that are needed is to provide one public computer for every 15 to 20 persons who enter the library daily. In FY 2009 Le Mars Public Library averaged 245 visitors each day. This is about 9.1 annual visits per capita compared to the peer group's annual average per capita of 12.1.

If one Internet computer is allowed for every 20 daily customers, that suggests planning for 12 Internet computers. Planning for one computer for every 15 daily customers suggests 16 Internet computers. Because these calculations are based on 2009 data and this study intends to identify needs through the year 2035 the higher number, 16 Internet computers is recommended.

Please note this calculation excludes public access catalog stations. They are in addition to the Internet and general computing stations required.

## General User Seating

Projected user seating calculations are based on a sliding scale of seats per thousand population. The scale was developed by the State of Wisconsin following studies of actual public libraries and their use by patrons.

Population	Seats per 1,000 Population
1,000	22.50
2,500	14.25
5,000	10.00
10,000	7.00
25,000	4.50
50,000	3.00
100,000	2.25

The 2035 projected population of 9,452 persons suggests that about 7 seats be allocated for every 1,000 residents or 66 seats. The library currently has 52 general customer seats.

Library seating is typically offered in a wide variety of formats such as study chairs, task chairs, stools, and lounge chairs to reflect the different types of library users and their seating preferences. Each of those seating types has a different space requirement. In the Needs Assessment an average space requirement of 30 square feet per seat is used.

## Program Spaces

Public libraries commonly provide spaces to support the Library's programming for children, adults, and other needs of the community. The Le Mars Public Library has an active schedule of programs with 98 library sponsored programs and 5,140 participants in FY 2009. Community groups held 326 programs at the library in FY 2009.

The library currently offers two program spaces:

- The Esther E. Smith meeting room is used for community use as well as hosting library programs. The room occupancy is rated as 75. There are 55 stacking chairs and 7 six foot tables for use in the room. The room also includes a kitchenette. Media capabilities include a multimedia projector, television, overhead projector, slide projector, 16mm film projectors, audiocassette recorder, VCR, opaque projector, and projection screen. A podium is also available for use.
- A children's program room is provided at the south end of the children's department. This room will seat between 15 to 20 participants for children's programs. This space has also been pressed into service to house the Children's Librarian's two work stations which detract from the room's usefulness and aesthetics for program activities.

To provide for existing and future community and library program needs:

- A general purpose program room that seats 125 and can be subdivided is needed. The seating capacity is sized to support attendance at the library's largest programs. Support spaces are also needed for table/chair/coat storage, media equipment storage, and a kitchen or service counter.
- The current children's program room will serve the community well if the staff work stations are removed to a different location.

## Staff Work Spaces

Staff work space is critical to an effective and efficient public library. Work space is a productivity issue, not a luxury. Staff work space includes both public service areas such as the check-out desk and workroom space where staff completes its on-going responsibilities such as cataloging materials, physically processing the items for the shelf, and processing interlibrary loans.

The number of workstations is not in a one to one relationship to the number of staff. The number of workstations represents how many places where work takes place, not the number of staff. By example, while there may be only one person using a wood shop, there are many workstations: table saw, workbench, lathe, and drill press, each with a specific, dedicated purpose.

Location	Existing	2035 Projected
<b>Public Service Desk</b>		
Circulation station	3	3
Staff workstation	1	1
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Workroom / Office</b>		
Receiving / Mail Sorting Counter	0	1
Materials Processing / Mending Station	0	1
Interlibrary Loan Station	0	1
Circulation Librarian	1	1
Cataloging	1	1
Library Aide	3	3
Asst. Children's Librarian	1	1
Children's Librarian	1	1
Asst. Director	1	1
Director	1	1
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>

## Special Use Space

Special use space is an umbrella term that encompasses a variety of public and staff spaces not covered by the preceding broad categories. Examples of special use space include public access catalog stations (PACS), copiers, community displays, and storage space. The specific space requirements for these uses should be detailed in the building program document. For the purpose of the space needs assessment, special use space may be expressed as 10% of the preceding spatial needs.

## Structure and Support Space

Structure and support space includes areas of the building that are of common utility and do not serve a specific library purpose. Structure and support space is sometimes referred to as architectural or unassigned space. Examples of structure and support space include the entry and foyer, restrooms, general aisle space throughout the building, stairs, elevators, mechanical systems, and even walls and partitions. A single story library typically requires 25% of the gross building area for structure and support space.

## 2035 Space Needs Calculations

Space Use Category	2035 Space Requirement
<b>Collection Space</b> 70,984 book / media items x .10 = 7,098 sf 151 current periodicals x 1.3 = 196 sf 151 back issue per. x 2 years x .66 = 199 sf	<b>7,493 sf</b>
<b>General User Seating</b> 66 seats x 30 sf/seat	<b>1,980 sf</b>
<b>Public Computer Workstations</b> 16 computers x 40 sf/workstation	<b>640 sf</b>
<b>Staff Work Space</b> 16 workstations x 125 sf	<b>2,000 sf</b>
<b>Program Space</b>  <b>Large Program Room: 2,000 sf</b> 125 seats x 12 sf = 1,500 sf presenter, kitchen, storage = 500 sf  <b>Youth Program Room: 350 sf</b> Existing story room	<b>2,350 sf</b>
<b>Special Use Space</b> 10% of running subtotal (14,463)	<b>1,446 sf</b>
<b>Net Subtotal</b>	<b>15,909 sf</b>
<b>Structure/Support Space</b> 25% of the gross space requirement	<b>5,303 sf</b>
<b>Total Gross Space Requirement</b>	<b>21,212 sf</b>

Note: the library currently occupies 7,694 square feet